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GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ Form 4 December 16, 2004 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SIMMONS RUTH J Issuer Symbol **GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/** (Check all applicable) [GS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & 12/14/2004 CO., 85 BROAD STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK,, NY 10004 Person (State) (Zip) (City) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of2.3. Transaction Date3A. Deemed4.5. Number6. Date Exercisable and7. Title and Amount of8. PrDerivativeConversion(Month/Day/Year)Execution Date, ifTransaction of DerivativeExpiration DateUnderlying SecuritiesDeri

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	of	y/Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) ((D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/14/2004		А	3,720	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	3,720	Q

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting O when Plante, Plantess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SIMMONS RUTH J C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004	Х						
Signatures							
/s/ Roger S. Begelman, Attorney-in-fact		12/16/2004					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

Explanation of Responses:

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- These Restricted Stock Units vested immediately upon grant and the shares of Common Stock underlying these Restricted Stock Units(1) will be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, on the last business day in May in the year following the year of the retirement of the Reporting Person from the Issuer's Board of Directors.

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